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**Subject:** Update: Sky Valley Education Center  
**Attachments:** 2019-07-31 Gamble ltr re Faeder PhD ltr w PCB PCDD PCDF data.pdf

Hello-

Today the R5 team (Peter, Kendall, Bob) and I had a call to discuss Sky Valley Education Center in Monroe, WA.

Yesterday we received a new letter from the attorney for the plaintiffs, with attached data packages and an interpretation by a toxicologist. This email was also sent to WA DOH and WA Ecology.

Some of the data included dioxin and furan samples, which the toxicologist provided an opinion on. I have reached out to Peter Gimlin at OCSPP to help me understand the information as well as prepare desk statements for any potential calls from the community. I anticipate that the response to the dioxin issues raised will come from WA DOH, as it did before.

I met with R5 to discuss only the PCB issues.

The letter and attachments present at least one new sample where PCBs were detected at 130ppm in carpet. We are not sure where this carpet is located. The lab package shows the sample was collected in 2018, which raises some questions about how long the school has known about this contamination and what they have done about it. The lab package also includes several 2019 samples above 50 ppm. Mostly the 2019 samples appear to be samples they presented to us in a summary table in March 2019. It is somewhat unclear whether any or all samples were collected from material in a storage room and designated for disposal, or if they are from items in use.

In response to the March 2019 letter, Kendall provided a list of questions and items for clarification to the school Superintendent, Mr. Mannix, in April 2019. We have not heard back from Mr. Mannix.

Next steps:

- Bob sent the 4/2019 email to the school's attorneys today.

- Michelle reached out to the consultant who collected the samples at the school- via email and voicemail. The plan is to have a call with the consultant as soon as possible to better understand the samples that were collected.

- After we have clarity on the sample data collected by the plaintiffs, we will follow up with the school on any outstanding issues.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I also anticipate that the state DOH and Ecology will want to schedule a tri-party call with EPA to formulate a consistent response to the letter across all agencies. They will also likely invite Snohomish Health District as they did after the March 2019 letter. I will participate in any of these calls and coordinate with Suzanne or Mark here in R10. Any communication with local partners or local interested parties will be managed by R10, with input from R5 as necessary, as has been our practice. This letter, like the last one, was addressed to the RA and me. The decision was made with the last letter to not treat it as controlled correspondence, and EPA did not write a response. I would like advice from R10

management on whether this letter is considered controlled correspondence and whether we will be writing a response.  
I have attached the letter for your reference.

Thank you,

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